those of other developing countries should always be kept in view.

1907. [*Transferred to the 13th August,* 1986.]

**Banning of production and use of asbestos**

1908. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister fo LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ILO has called for the banning of production and use of asbestos as it is proved to be a health hazard causing lung cancer; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The International Labour Conference at its 72nd Session, held in June, 1986, adopted a Convention and Recommendation on safety in the use of Asbestos. The Convention and the Recommendation, *inter alia,* provide for prohibition of use of Crocidolite (a variety of asbestos). Further action in this regard can be taken only on receipt of the authenticated version of the Convention and Recommendation.

**Loan given by the public financial institutions for construction of hotels**

1909. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of the public financial institutions has been locked up in the incomplete hotels meant to be completed for Asiad '82 in the private and public sector; and

(b) how many times the loans have been rescheduled and what is the default on interest position in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) IFCI has reported that there are no Asiad linked hotel projects in the Public Sector that remain to be completed. In Private Sector there are three hotel projects which were originally envisaged to be completed for Asiad '82 but which are still under implementation. The total outstanding loan of Public Financial Institutions in respect of these projects is Rs. 38.08 crores as on 31st May, 1986.

(b) The reschedulement of loan was done only once in all the three projects. The default in payment of interest is only in one case, amounting to Rs. 158.77 lakhs as on 31st May, 1986.

**Rubber plantation**

1910. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified new areas for the plantation of rubber in the country;

(b) if so, what are the States where rubber plantation has been started; and

(c) the areas which are favourable for rubber plantation in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides new rubber plantation being undertaken in traditional States like Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, it has been undertaken in non-traditional region like Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Andaman and Nicobar etc.